P-999/CI-87-695 GRANTING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of an Investigation into IntraLATA Toll Access Compensation Plans

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On November 2, 1987, the Commission issued its FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER INITIATING SUMMARY INVESTIGATIONS in Docket No. P-999/CI-85-582. In that Order the Commission established a study committee to discuss and evaluate options for a permanent intrastate intraLATA compensation plan to replace the designated carrier plan. The committee was required to submit a report to the Commission within 12 months of the date of the Order.

On November 15, 1988, the Commission issued its ORDER AUTHORIZING STUDY in the present docket. In that Order the Commission approved the study committee's proposal to conduct a point-to-point traffic study. The study was to be filed by January 11, 1990.

On January 10, 1990, the Commission issued its ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME AND EXTENDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF DESIGNATED CARRIER PLAN in the current docket. In that Order the Commission granted the committee's request to extend the due date for filing its report to June 11, 1990.

On June 6, 1990, the chair of the study committee requested a time extension for submission of the committee report. The chair cited unforeseen technical difficulties in producing the traffic study.

On July 10, 1990, the Commission issued its ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION, in which the deadline for the committee report was moved to July 16, 1990.

On July 16, 1990, the chair submitted a second request for a time extension. As the chair explained, the serious illness of the chair of the technical subcommittee had forced delays in analyzing the data submitted. The chair requested a time extension until September 14, 1990, in which to file the report.

The matter came before the Commission on July 31, 1990.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that the study group's request for a time extension is reasonable and should be granted. The serious illness of a key committee member is an understandable and unavoidable reason for delay. The extension will not delay action on any related proceedings. The amount of time sought is reasonable. Neither the public interest nor any party's interest will be prejudiced by the delay.

The extension will be granted.

<u>ORDER</u>

- 1. The Intrastate IntraLATA Toll Access Compensation Study Committee is granted an extension of time until September 14, 1990, to file a report on its point-to-point traffic study.
- 2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster Executive Secretary

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